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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD
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FOLLOWING SENT HELSINKI 18 JAN 78, REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

UNCLAS LENINGRAD 00126

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC
SUBJECT: W/W AMCIT MERRILY ANTOINETTE GANTZ

1. MS. GANTZ IS AMERICAN TOURIST ON EXTENDED TRIP IN USSR BY CAR. RECENTLY VISITED CONGEN LENINGRAD AND EMBASSY IN CONNECTION WITH PLANS TO MARRY SOVIET CITIZEN. SHE TELEGRAPHED CONGEN TO REPORT SHE INVOLVED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT NEAR NOVGOROD 16 JANUARY. ACCORDING TO GANTZ HER CAR WAS STRUCK BY SPEEDING GAZ VEHICLE WITH DRUNKEN SOVIET AT WHEEL. GANTZ RECEIVED BLOW TO ABDOMEN FROM STEERING WHEEL AND BRUISES AND MINOR ABRASIONS FROM BROKEN GLASS. THOUGH RELEASED FROM EMERGENCY ROOM AND ABLE TO TRAVEL GANTZ WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR ABDOMINAL CLOT. ACCORDING TO GANTZ HER CAR IS TOTAL WRECK. INTOURIST HANDLED ALL ASPECTS OF CASE, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH POLICE AND INSURANCE REPORTS, AND WAS MOST HELPFUL TO GANTZ IN ARRANGING MEDICAL CARE, ONWARD TRANSPORT, AND PICKUP SERVICE AT TRAIN STATION.

2. CONGENOFF MET GANTZ AT LENINGRAD RAILROAD STATION.
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SHE IS IN GOOD SPIRITS BUT IN OBVIOUS DISCOMFORT. WILL TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO HELSINKI NIGHT OF 17 JANUARY FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CARE. EXPECTS TO STAY AT HOTEL VAAKUNA. ARRANGEMENTS HELSINKI MADE THROUGH ANITA PASSIONON OF FINNSOV TOURS.

3. WE DO NOT EXPECT GANTZ TO CALL ON EMBASSY HELSINKI FOR

ASSISTANCE BUT BELIEVE SHE WOULD APPRECIATE CALL TO
HOTEL. BUCHANAN
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